Power Shortage in Andhra Pradesh

2561. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

a) whether it is afact that power requirement in Andhra Pradeh is increasing considerably;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by the Ministry to face the power problems of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) what are the details of the power availability and requirement in Andhra Pradesh at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir, the power requirement in Andhra Pradesh is increasing.

(b) The various steps being taken to increase the availability of power in Andhra Pradesh include power supply from Central Sector Station to the maximum extent possible, implementation of a Centrally Sponsored R&M programme at Kothagudem Thermal Powoer Station, expediting commissioning of balance capacity targetted to be completed in the Seventh Plan.

(c) During July, 1987 the power requirement in Andhra Pradesh was 1340 million units, against which the availability was 1227 million units.

Manufacture of LAB and Paraffin

2562. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a policy decision to allow manufacturing of Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) only by public Sector or joint sector companies; if so, when this decision was taken;

(b) whether it is also a faet that M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. have been given a licence to manufacture LAB; if so, when was this licence issued;

(c) what is the per tonne cost of production of normal paraffin (N-paraffin) which is manufactured in India for captive consumption; and

(d) who are the manufacturers of n-paraffin in India; whether their entire production is consumed by them or any part of it is marketed; if so, at what rate it is being marketed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Manufacture of Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) is not restricted to public sector or joint sector companies only.

(b) M/s. Reliance Industries Limited were issued an industrial licence on 25-3-86 for the manufacture of LAB.

(c) and (d) M/s. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited are the only manufacture of normal paraffin in India; their entire production of normal paraffin for LAB manufacture is consumed captively. It is not in the commercial interest of the Corporation to disclose the cost of production of normal paraffin.